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June 3, 1988

Mr. Stan Atwood Superfund Unit Division of Health Services Post Office Box 2091 Raleigh, North Carolina 27602-2091

Dear Mr. Atwood:





This is to confirm our conversation of June 2, 1988 concerning the history of activity of our company relating to hazardous waste.

To the best of my knowledge we have never disposed of any hazardous waste at this facility. However, I understand that sometime prior to February, 1977, the company had an accidental spill of perchlorethylene which found its way to the Bee Tree Creek via floor drains in our finishing department.

The perc was removed from the creek by pumping it from the lowest parts of the stream. Also, the North Carolina Groundwater Control Agency required the company to seal off the floor drains in the area with concrete and move the drain pipe from the creek to the city sewer system.

In 1984 we had an accidental spill of #5 fuel oil which was cleaned up before it reached the creek. This clean up was also supervised by your department.

During the latter part of 1984 we registered with the State of North Carolina as a small hazardous waste generator and were in compliance with all rules and regulations. During the course of the registration and getting the facility in complaince, we decided that it would be easier on us to remove the equipment and be deleted as a hazardous generator. I then contacted Mr. Donald Link for assistance in being deleted. At the time we had two underground storage tanks, one for fresh perc and one for sludge. These tanks were removed, cleaned and disposed of under the supervision of Mr. Link. After the tanks were removed, Mr. Link examined the tanks and sampled the soil around the area. At that time, Mr. Link and I determined that there had not been any leakage from the tanks.

During our conversation you stated that your records show that the contamination of wells at the Charles D. Owen Manufacturing Company was due to leaks from underground storage tanks at Asheville Dyeing and Finishing. I feel that I should have been notified when this information was recorded.

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If it is possible, please send me a copy of the recorded information on contamination of the wells at Charles D. Owen Manufacturing Company.

As you stated during our conversation, this letter should eliminate the need for us to fill out the Notification of An Inactive Hazardous Substance or Waste Disposal Site form.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Very truly yours,

Clyde Roberts Plant Engineer

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